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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
MINORU KASE, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 10/614,833 :  
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FATTY ACID :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.